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1. FULL TEXTS OF SPEECHES GIVEN AT OCTOBER 22 TASHKENT MEETING PUBLISHED IN PRAVDA VOSTOKA AND GIVE SEVERAL FILLIPS TO POLITICAL BUILDUP OF BREZHNEV NOT CARRIED IN PRAVDA ABRIDGEMENT. UNLIKE SUSLOV (REFTEL) NO OTHER SPEAKER DISCUSSED LOCAL NATIONALISM. EXCEPT FOR BRIEF RITUAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY UZBEK PARTY LEADER RASHIDOV OF SHORTCOMINGS, OTHER SPEAKERS WERE UNIFORMLY POSITIVE ON UZBEK ACHIEVEMENTS.

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2. THE PARTY LEADERS OF GEORGIA, AZERBAYDZHAN, AND

KIRGIZIA EXPLICITLY LINKED THE PRESENTLY HEALTHY
ATMOSPHERE IN THE PARTY WITH THE OCTOBER 1964 PLENUM,
I.E., THE ASSUMPTION OF POWER BY BREZHNEV AND
COMPANY. GEORGIAN LEADER SHEVARDNADZE SAID: "HAIL
THIS ATMOSPHERE AND ITS CREATOR -- THE LENINIST
CENTRAL COMMITTEE AND THE WISE POLITBURO OF THE CENTRAL
COMMITTEE OF OUR PARTY HEADED BY LEONID IL'ICH
BREZHNEV."

3. A NEW POLITICAL ENCOMIUM WAS AIRED AT TASHKENT. WHILE
STILL GENEROUSLY USING THE NOW RITUAL PHRASE--POLITBURO
HEADED BY BREZHNEV, SEVERAL SPEAKERS USED A SOMEWHAT
BROADER TERM. UZBEK PARTY LEADER RASHIDOV, BELORUSSIAN
PARTY LEADER MASHEROV, MOLDAVIAN PARTY LEADER BODYUL, AND
UZBEK HEAD OF STATE NIYAZBEKOV USED THE FORMULA:
"LENINIST CENTRAL COMMITTEE HEADED BY BREZHNEV." WHILE
PRAVDA INCLUDED THIS FORMULA IN ITS ABRIDGED VERSION OF
RASHIDOV'S SPEECH, OMISSION OF THE OTHER SPEECHES PREVENTED
THE SOVIET POLITICAL AUDIENCE FROM READING THAT ANOTHER
CANDIDATE MEMBER OF THE POLITBURO HAD ESPOUSED THE
SAME LANGUAGE.

4. WHILE THE PRAISE OF BREZHNEV BY SOME SPEAKERS WAS
EXTRAVAGANT, SEVERAL OTHER SPEAKERS WERE COOL OR RESTRAINED
IN THEIR TREATMENT OF BREZHNEV. THESE INCLUDE SUSLOV,
MOSCOW CITY SECOND SECRETARY L.I. GREKOV, THE THREE BALTIC
REPRESENTATIVES, AND THE PARTY LEADERS OF
TADZHIKISTAN AND TURKMENISTAN.
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